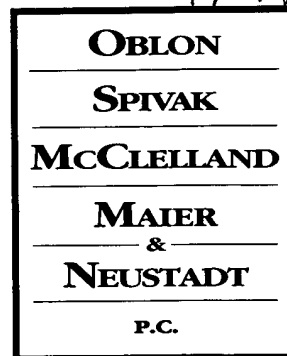


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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application.

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over CA 2,037,214 (Dotzauer et al), is respectfully traversed.

The present invention relates to the use of compositions which comprise reaction products of low molecular mass dicarboxylic or tricarboxylic acids with ammonia to produce moldings from finely divided materials.

Specifically, as recited in Claim 1, the invention is a method for producing (1) moldings from finely divided materials, wherein the finely divided material is mixed or